



# Washington State Department of Early Learning

## Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) Special Meeting

October 14, 2010

# M i n u t e s

### **DEL STAFF**

Bonnie Beukema, Assistant Director  
Amy Russell, Project Coordinator

### **ELAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Nina Auerbach, by telephone  
Bob Butts, by telephone  
Dr. Maxine Hayes, by telephone  
Director Bette Hyde, by telephone  
Lois Martin, by telephone  
Jennifer Jennings-Shaffer, in person  
Cynthia Juarez, by telephone  
Paula Smith, by telephone  
Sue Winn, by telephone

### **WELCOME**

Director Bette Hyde welcomed members and provided a brief overview of the importance of the Early Learning Advisory Council co-chair role.

### **AGENDA ITEM**

Bonnie Beukema spoke to the RCWs that govern ELAC, specifically RCW 43.215.090 that dictates that ELAC elect two co-chairs to serve two-year terms. One co-chair from state government and one co-chair representing a non-state government organization. Bonnie also clarified that since the last ELAC meeting DEL has worked with the Attorney General's Office to determine that ELAC is subject to the Open Public Meetings Act RCW 42.30, which requires all ELAC meetings to be open to members of the public (other details specified in RCW).

Co-chair nominations were solicited for the state government position. Bette Hyde nominated Dr. Maxine Hayes from the Department of Health. Dr. Hayes has served on ELAC since its creation and is a strong child care advocate. Dr. Hayes accepted the nomination.

No other nominations were made.

Every member present voted for the candidate. No members voted no or abstained from voting.

Dr. Maxine Hayes was elected and accepted the position as the ELAC co-chair representing state government.

Co-chair nominations were solicited to represent a nongovernmental organization. Sue Winn nominated herself, pointing out that she has been a child care provider for 32 years and also a strong child care advocate.

No other nominations were made.

Every member present voted for the candidate. No members voted no or abstained from voting.

Sue Winn was elected and accepted the position as the ELAC co-chair representing a non-state government organization.

#### **WRAP UP**

Both co-chairs were congratulated and agreed to begin their roles immediately by planning agenda items for the upcoming quarterly ELAC meeting, which will occur December 13, 2010 in Lacey.